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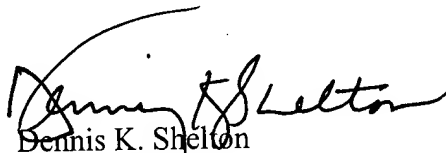
Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10, 12, and 24 have been allowed. The foregoing amendment is presented to address the Examiner's objection to the amended paragraph on page 3. In view of this amendment, the Examiner's objection is now moot.

CONCLUSION

All issues having been addressed, this application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is requested to contact applicants' representative at the phone number set forth if he would like to discuss any other issues concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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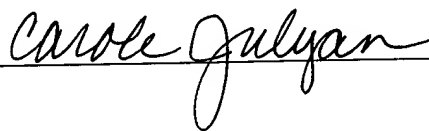


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In the Specification:

The paragraph beginning at page 3, line 16 , has been amended as follows:

The term "alkyl" as used herein refers to saturated hydrocarbon radicals containing from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, inclusive. Alkyl radicals may be straight or branched. Exemplary alkyl radicals include n-pentyl, n-hexyl, n-octyl, n-dodecyl, 2-dodecyl, [3,5-diethylcyclohexyl, duryl,] and the like. The term "lower alkyl" as used herein refers to straight or branched chain hydrocarbon radicals having from 1 to 8 carbon atoms, such as methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, s-butyl, t-butyl, n-pentyl, n-hexyl, and the like. "Alkoxy" refers to radicals of the formula -OR, where R is alkyl as defined above: "lower alkoxy" refers to alkoxy radicals wherein R is lower alkyl. "Hydroxy-lower alkyl" refers to radicals of the formula HO-R-, where R is lower alkylene of 1 to 8 carbons, and may be straight, branched, or cyclic. "Hydroxy-lower alkoxy" refers to radicals of the formula HO-R-O-, where R is lower alkylene of 1 to 8 carbons, and may be straight[, or branched[, or cyclic]. "Lower alkoxy-lower alkyl" refers to groups of the formula R_aO-R_b- , where R_a and R_b are each independently lower alkyl.

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